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> were at Vienna and four in Paris. In order that their journey might be as comfortable es possible, each of them had a special train placed at his or her disposal, and, in order that every one of them might preserve a pleasant memory of the occasion, each of the male guests received a souvenir in the form of a golden cigarette case and each woman a gold handbag with the date of the supper set out in diamonds. The affair cost \$200,000,

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The commission visited the isthmus

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## CHAPTER VIII.

The Canal Under Stevens, NOTHER notable figure in the railroad world had been chosen chief engineer of the Panama canal, John F. Stevens in 1903 was general manager of the Great Northern Railroad company, and of his selection as chief engineer James J. Hill said that if the whole country had been ransacked no better

man could be found. It is not possible to estimate the mischief that might have resulted if the selection of a successor to Mr. Wallace had been long delayed. His salary was to be \$30,000 annually, or \$5,000 curing mechanical equipment and more than that paid to Mr. Wallace, bringing the transportation facilities He was facing a situation in Panama | to a satisfactory standard. Governor

that justified the figure. The vellow fever epidemic was still tion as left by Mr. Wallace showed | courts, schools, fire departments, postthat considerable pioneer work had offices, recreation clubhouses, churchbeen done, but the housing, feeding es-in short, duplicating on a scale and general preparations for the comfort of employees were unsolved prob-

Mr. Stevens arrived at Colon on July first was attracted by the congestion every phase of the work. There were baby caps and dresses. Specialty of of freight on the wharfs and the self | thirty-nine steam shovels at work as initial and hemstitching, Reasonable, evident fact that the Panama railroad against nine in 1905. The working was in a near state of collapse. Freight was piled up in the streets in prodigious quantities and was moving over the railroad at a snail's pace. As for the railroad tracks in the

Culebra cut, he said they were "lines which by the utmost stretch of the imagination could not be termed railroad tracks." Mr. Wallace had found the Panama railroad, after half a century partment got on top of the yellow consulting civil & hydraulic engin'r. without competition, far behind the fever epidemic in September, 1905, and times in equipment, and practically no in general so dominated the hitherto discipline or efficiency existed among unhealthful isthmus that even the hosthe employees. When Mr. Stevens took charge there was an improved situation, but the long absence in Washington of Chief Engineer Wallace | creased. Recruiting agencies already



and his sudden departure had caused the railroad to begin a retrograde

in July and August and with Mr. Ste- deal of life in the idea among the tion was shaping for the real work of vens reached the conclusion that con- American people. For one thing, a sea | building the canal. struction work should be reduced to a level canal was so much more easily minimum, even to turning away employees, and all energies bent to building up a system of feeding and housing the men and their families. Pre- Panama division of opinion arose over paratory work was given the right of way over construction, which accounts for the comparatively little excavation done under the Stevens regime. The general verdict was that the ground work done by Mr. Wallace was good in spite of disorganized conditions and that no insuperable obstacles stood in the way of building the canal,

ment of engineering and construction, and other employees brought the total to 9,500, not including the Panama railroad. Municipal improvements in Colon and Panama and certain canal zone towns were well under way. Effective progress had been made in the work of surveying the canal route, in making borings for lock sites and in other engineering preliminaries. As noted, 741,644 yards had been excavated and nine steam shovels were at work. The 357 renovated French buildings and forty-eight new structures housed the employees, except those who provided shelter for themselves in Colon and Panama. There was no commissary

and no hotels. An executive order had made the civil service cover the canal zone on Nov. 15, 1904, but both Mr. Wallace and Mr. Stevens protested so carnestly against the restrictions of this order that on Jan. 12, 1906, President Roosevelt removed all employees except clerks from the scope of the act, thus allowing Mr. Stevens to employ any one he saw fit on any terms he chose. The eight hour day restriction likewise was lifted, but agitation in the United States caused the president later to reimpose both limitations, with whatever increase in time and cost of constructing the canal they might involve.

The Americans had been in Panama more than a year, and still the type of canal to be built was undecided. In the meantime Mr. Stevens rapidly was rounding into shape an organization of workers, getting suitable quarters erected for the employees, who were coming in large numbers, organizing the commissory and hotel systems, se-Magoon simultaneously was organizing a civil government along the lines uncontrolled. An invoice of the situa- blazed by Governor Davis. Police,

tion of the United States. By June, 1906, the end of his first year as chief engineer, Mr. Stevens 27, 1905. As a railroad man his eye had made a remarkable showing in force had increased to 23,901, of whom 3.264 were Americans. But as showing how closely his efforts were concentrated on preparatory work the total excavation for the year was only 1,499,562 yards, the highest figures for one month being in March, 1906, when

239,178 yards were removed. Colonel Gorgas and his sanitary detile press began to show a change in heart on this score, with the result that the immigration of workers largely inhad been opened in the West Indies. Europe and the principal American cities. More than 12,000 men were im ported in 1906 on contract with the commission. The common labor was estimated by Mr. Stevens to be about 33 per cent as efficient as similar American labor. It was not until 1906 that the wives and families of the Americans began coming to the canal sone in considerable numbers, although there had been a heroic band of them throughout the trying days before the

tropical terrors had been conquered. Early in his connection with the canal Mr. Stevens discovered that practically all the material in the Cule bra cut would have to be blasted before it could be handled by the steam shovels. He had to be careful in selecting dumps so as to insure that they would not become an obstruction to any type of canal or route that might be selected.

The high wages and salaries for which the canal zone is noted originat ed under Mr. Stevens. So bad a name had been given the isthmus in the past that extra inducements had to be made to attract workers, free quarters, pay from 30 per cent to 60 per cent higher than in the United States and a rate of \$20 from New York to Colon on steamers operated by the government. with other perquisites, being some of the advertised attractions. Besides, in the latter part of Mr. Stevens' regime, the United States was enjoying unexfore the panic of 1907. Mechanics and all kinds of workers could obtain employment at home at high wages and would not come to Panama unless for the unusual inducements enumerated, and, in addition, vacations with full pay, sick leave on pay and cheap food and other necessaries.

Although the French had abandoned operating along modern lines, appeared. the idea of a sea level canal in favor complete the canal, health conditions of a lock type, there still was a good grasped by the popular mind, and then all engineers concede that it is the MAN CARRIED \$8000 IN LEG ideal canal where it is practicable. In this point of practicability.

A sea level canal aptly has been de-

scribed as "n wide and deep passage

The Walker commission of 1901 had estimated the cost of a sea level canal at \$145,000,000. The commission of 1905 recommended a sea level type to cost \$230,500,000. Mr. Wallace later estimated the cost at sea level at \$300,-000,000, exclusive of the \$50,000,000 paid for the canal zone and French

That these American estimates should come, in the main, under the amount actually spent by the French, who little more than scraped the surface, shows, for one thing, that the Americans believed there had been gross extravagance and inefficiency in the French operations and, for another thing, that the Americans had no adequate grasp upon the task they were undertaking. This same insufficiency of estimates continued until 1908. when Colonel Goethals faced the situation frankly and announced the cost for a lock type to be \$375,000,000. which was far ahead of the highest estimate for a sea level canal. In 1909 Colonel Goethals said a sea level canal would cost \$563,000,000 and take six years longer to build than a lock canal, which was before the slides in the Culebra cut became so formidable and a sea level canal had been shown

thereby to be all but impossible. President Roosevelt took a characteristic step to end the dispute. On June 24, 1905, a few days before the appointment of Mr. Stevens as chief engineer, he named an international board of advisory engineers to recom-

mend a type of canal. Out of this board five were foreigners and eight Americans. The board visited the isthmus in October, 1905. and reported to the president on Jan. 10, 1906. The majority, composed of eight engineers and comprising all of the foreigners, recommended a sea level canal. Messrs, Davis, Burr and Parsons were the three Americans who signed the majority report. The minority of five Americans recommended a lock type canal with a la at eighty-five feet above sea level formed by a dam across the Chagres river at Gatun. They estimated the excavation at 103,795,000 cubic yards and the cost, exclusive of sanitation and civil government, at \$139,705,200. Nine years, or until 1915, was the time estimated for completing the canal There were to be three locks in flight at Gatun, each 95 by 100 feet usable dimensions and on the Pacific side one lock at Pedro Miguel and two at La Roca, at the entrance, the distance between Pedro Miguel and La Boca eight miles, to be a second artificia lake. The Culebra cut was to be 200 feet wide for five miles and 300 feet

wide for four miles. Chief Engineer Stevens and all but curred in the minority report. Secretary Taft's visits to the isthmus had converted him to the lock type, and President Roosevelt consistently had

favored it.

The situation was one where the hoice would be decided by the weight the president should throw to either report. To reject the majority report favoring a sea level canal and to advocate the minority report for a lock type canal was a responsibility of un-usual magnitude for an executive who professed to have no technical engiring knowledge. Yet Presiden Roosevelt made the momentous decision without besitation, sending a strong message recommending the mi-

pority report. Congress debated the Issue until June 21, when the senate by the close vote of 36 to 31 decided for a lock type, and on June 28 the house concurred, the

bill becoming law on June 29, 1906. Two years and two mouths bad passed from the time the Americans came to Panama in May, 1904, to July 1, 1906, before this decision was made, and at last the commission knew what plan of canal was to be followed. In September, 1906, Mr. Stevens started the excavations in the sites for the Gatun locks, the Pedro Miguel lock and the Gatun dam spillway. Surveys were begun for relocating the Panama. railroad, which for a considerable distauce would be swallowed up by the completed canal. The fifteen months' preparatory work was beginning to tell in the increased excavations in the Culebra cut, as the organization was getting its stride. Commissaries, which sold everything the canal employee needed, were in operation in the prin cipal towns, the hotels for the bache lors were well organized, quarters had been erected until all were housed, though at times rather crowded; ma chinery, supplies and equipment were on hand or ordered to the extent of 80 per cent of what would be needed to were admirable, and the whole situa-

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[By Latest Mail]

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